

(b) The designation-wise number of posts filled by the candidates belonging to SC/ST are as under:—

	S.C.	S.T.
1. Under Secretary	1	—
2. Assistant	1	—
3. Personal Assistant	1	—
4. U.D.C.	1	—
5. Stenographer	1	—
6. L.D.C	2	2
7. Peon	2	1
8. Staff Car Driver Gd. II	1	—
9. Despatch Rider	1	—

(c) and (d) There is no Department under the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. As far as Ministry proper is concerned, no reserved posts are lying vacant in the Ministry. However, some reserved posts have been filled by General Category candidates for want of eligible SC/ST candidates and also due to the application of 50% ceiling in reservation. Regarding reserved vacancies filled by Direct Recruitment, there is a ban on dereservation and the Ministry has no power for de-reserving the vacancies and the unfilled reserved vacancies are treated as backlog vacancies.

(e) and (f) The Ministry follows the instructions issued by the Government of India in this regard from time to time. Subject to availability of vacancies, the carried forward vacancies will be filled by the SC/ST candidates as and when they become eligible.

[English]

#### Oil Sector in Andhra Pradesh

839. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have agreed to invest Rs. 9700 crores in oil sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposal in this regard have been worked out and submitted to the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the estimated amount proposed to be spent for exploring new oil wells in the State;

(e) the details of the Refineries proposed to be set up in the State;

(f) whether the capacity of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, Visakhapatnam refinery is likely to be increased; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) The information in being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) to (g) Government has, on 13.9.95, approved Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited's proposal for expansion of the refining capacity of Vizag Refinery from 4.5 MMTPA to 7.5 MMTPA, at an estimated cost of Rs. 998.26 crores, with a completion schedule of 36 months from the date of Govt. approval. Letters of Intent have also been issued to two Refineries (100% EOU) in the Private Sector, viz., M/s. Black Gold (2.5 MMTPA) and M/s. Jindal Ferro (6.0 MMTPA).

#### Central Water Commission

840. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has urged Union Government to direct the Central Water Commission to review sanctions and clearance granted to illegal projects such as upper Tunga, Ramthal lift, seven undisclosed barrages on the main river Krishna above Almati dam and several other minor irrigation schemes;

(b) if so, Andhra Pradesh has also urged to restrain the Karnataka Government from proceeding with the construction of the illegal projects;

(c) whether the Government advise the CWC to furnish copies of the detailed project reports to the Andhra Pradesh Government to facilitate a detailed scrutiny from an inter-state angle; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government has agreed to provide all necessary materials to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh has urged Union Government to

review sanctions/clearance granted to projects of Krishna basin in Karnataka and also restraining the latter from proceeding with their construction. However, the Union Government has not given investment clearance to any such project.

(c) and (d) State Governments of Krishna Basin States can collect the copy of reports of their interest from CWC. The CWC is also maintaining a Library of project reports of Krishna Basin States and any Basin State can make use of this library.

#### **Performance of Academies**

841. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lalit Kala Academy, Sangeet Natak Academy, and Sahitya Academy have failed in achieving their specified objectives;

(b) if so, whether there is maladministration, financial irregularities etc. in these Academies;

(c) if so, whether the Government have evaluated the working of these Academies; and

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to restructure them suitably?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) The Sahitya Akademi and the Sangeet Natak Akademi are pursuing their specified objectives. However, in case of Lalit Kala Akademi, for the last few years, the mismanagement led them away from their objectives. Some financial irregularities were also reported.

(c) The Government evaluates the functioning of the Akademies which are autonomous organisations fully funded by the Government, through their annual reports etc. The C&AG audits the accounts as well.

(d) The High Powered Committee set up by the Government of India to review the function of the Akademies as well as National School of Drama had submitted a detailed report which contained suggestions for restructuring them. Sahitya Akademi and Sangeet Natak Akademi agreed to these suggestions. The Lalit Kala Akademi was not willing to accept these changes. Now, the Government has taken over the management of the Akademi for a limited period and is in the process of restructuring the Lalit Kala Akademi in tune with the recommendations of the High Powered Committee headed by Shri P.N. Haksar.

#### **Setting up of Technical Training Institutions**

842. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Meghalaya, no steps have been taken to set up technical training institutions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government have ever taken up the issue with the State Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (d) Shillong Polytechnic, Shillong and Tura Polytechnic, Tura West Garo Hills are the two diploma level technical training institutions approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in Meghalaya. The Council had invited fresh proposals from the States/Union Territories for setting up of technical institutions during the year 1997-98 for its consideration. No proposal has been received by the AICTE from the Government of Meghalaya.

#### **Runway Work at Calicut Airport**

843. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the runway work at Calicut Airport has reached as on June 30, 1997;

(b) the total amount spent for the work;

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed;

(d) whether any other developmental work is underway at Calicut Airport; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The runway work at Calicut airport has achieved 33% progress upto 30th June, 1997.

(b) The amount spent upto 30th June, 1997 was Rs. 34.61 crores including cost of acquisition of land.

(c) The work is likely to be completed by January, 2000.